

REMARKS

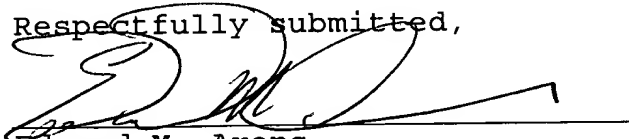
After entry of claim cancelations set forth in a November 26, 2003 Reply to the aforementioned Office Action, and prior to this Supplemental Reply, claims 26, 42, 43, 49 and 50 will have been pending in this patent application.

This Supplemental Reply supplements the November 26, 2003 Reply. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 75, *inter alia*, as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but stated that claim 75, *inter alia*, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the November 26, 2003 Reply, applicants canceled claim 75. Applicants are presenting herein canceled claim 75 as new claim 82. Claim 82 includes all of the limitations of claim 75, the claim 75 base claim (viz., claim 69) and the intervening claims (viz., claims 70-73). Claim 82 introduces no new matter. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 82 overcomes the Examiner's objection to canceled claim 75 and is patentable.

Applicants respectfully request the prompt allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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